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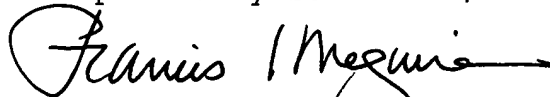
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Applicant wishes to disclose copending U.S. patent applications S/N 09/700,690 (Atty Docket No. 915-376), S/N 09/715,839 (Atty Docket No. 944-001.017-1) and S/N 09/715,905 (Atty Docket No. 915-376-1), all filed on November 17, 2000; and U.S. provisional application S/N 60/253,890 (Atty Docket No. 944-001.035), filed November 29, 2000 and U.S. patent application S/N 09/991,540 (Atty Docket No. 944-001.035-1), filed November 14, 2001. Copies of these five applications are enclosed. Applicant also wishes to disclose International Publications WO 00/51387 and WO 01/37606, which are PCT counterparts to U.S. S/Ns 09/700,690 and 09/715,839, respectively.

The Berruto and Schieder articles have been cited in an International Search Report attached as pages 1 and 2 of the last sheet of published International Application Publication No. WO 00/74411 (the parent). The ETSI documents are cited as GSM specifications in the instant specification.

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